

The Federation's Fanfare

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"Trumpeting the Federation's news to it's borders and beyond."

THE ANGELS SPEAK

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HAROLD'S ANGELS PRESIDENT

Seasons Greetings. The executive of Harold's Angels for 1997 is as follows:

President - Sylvia McDougall

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As President of Harold's Angels, I want to thank all of the girls for their tremendous support since last April when we had our first meeting. We organized as supporting group for the Strathroy Chapter during the time of the Society's membership campaign which was called "The Harold Hill Recruitment Program". All of the members, at that time, were calling one another 'Harold' and thus we came up with our name "Harold's Angels" for our auxiliary. No were not Bikers, but we do like to raise a little hell now and then.

Since our inception we have helped the Vocal Federation with their Charter Show and Afterglow. We have had a few yard sales, a bake sale, and sold tickets on one of Donna Campbell's treasured bears, "Sally".

Donna spends many hours working on these treasured bears. We especially want to thank her for donating "Sally" as our special Christmas Draw. The winner of the draw for "Sally" was Val Gibson of Strathroy.

Harold's Angels would sincerely like to thank Blake Hughes for sharing his artistic talents so liberally with us. Without Blake's generosity in donating this beautifully framed Original Watercolor our fundraising project would not have been the success it is. The winner of the watercolor is Ruth Anne Nowicki of Newbury.

I'm sure everyone would like to know how much money we raised this year. The yard sales have shown a profit of \$ 800.00, Donna's Bear \$ 113.00, the Bake Sale \$ 507.95 and the painting by Blake Hughes \$ 1,350.00.

We may have been trying to raise money, but the fellowship of working together has been fun and we look forward to some new challenges ahead.

Harold's Angels gave Strathroy Chapter, SPEBSQSA a cheque for \$ 2,500.00 at the Christmas Party.

Thanks again to everyone for their support.

Happy Holidays!

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*Some Thanks from the Pres
President - Jim McDougall*

I thought perhaps it would be appropriate, at this time, to reflect on our brief but successful past. One reason I accentuate the word successful is because I've witnessed several attempts to charter or license a chapter in Ontario before with much struggling and frustration and great lengths of time. Some have been over three years in the making while we were a mere four months. The other reason I mention successful is the fact that you, the members of this chapter, saw fit to support the cause. I thank you all for that. With you, the members, we would never have chartered or achieved the successes that we have.

From our very first public performance at the Strathroy Arena for the Food Bank Telethon in 1995; to singing in our meeting hall, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church; a second place finish at the Western Division Novice Contests in Sarnia; performing on the Strathroy United Church Show Time; our Charter Show in May; and the Middlesex Beef Producers Bar-B-Q in Poplar Hill. We've just about done it all. Now I don't know about you and I'm really not one to brag of myself but I think we can be very proud of ourselves and our successes. But, does anyone else know about it. I say we should brag about the Strathroy Chapter. Tell not only the surrounding area, but tell the world we're here to sing. Let's continue our successes for many years to come.

I'll bet you thought I was going to leave out the most important people of all. Our better halves have allowed us to enjoy our hobby and we cannot offer enough thanks. However we did ask them to get into the act. I knew that we would not be able to pull off our charter show and afterglow without a lot of help. So we approached the gals. Hence - Harold's Angels was born. They were our backbone at our show and they have not stopped since. They're fund

raising projects have been incredible. What can I say but a huge THANK YOU. We love you Harold's Angels!

Other gifts have come the way of the Vocal Federation, first a mailbox/file drawer/music storage courtesy of Bob Fennell and finished by Les Campbell, then came a suggestion of an easel to be used as a bulletin board and as a sandwich board for our Charter Show, another product of Les Campbell. But it just didn't stop, not long after Les produced the Chapter's own podium. These items are certainly very valuable assets to the chapter and we appreciate them a great deal. Bob and Les, our thanks cannot approach the greatness of your contribution. Due to the support of the members and Harold's Angels and the success of our charter show we were even able to acquire our own risers. Wow!

Together, we have a great deal to be thankful for and as we approach the Holidays remember all those people in each of your lives who deserve your thanks. Merry Christmas everyone.

Dusty's Doodlings Les Campbell

Well, here we are, our first full year of Barbershopping in Strathroy. A great accomplishment for the Vocal Federation, and all I can think about it that it's just the beginning. Every day, every week, we are becoming more recognized in the community, and let's keep up that good work with more performances, etc.

My greatest feeling of pride is still the association with you guys, and the fun and fellowship we are having! We must be doing something right as we continue to grow in numbers.

Donna and I would like to wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

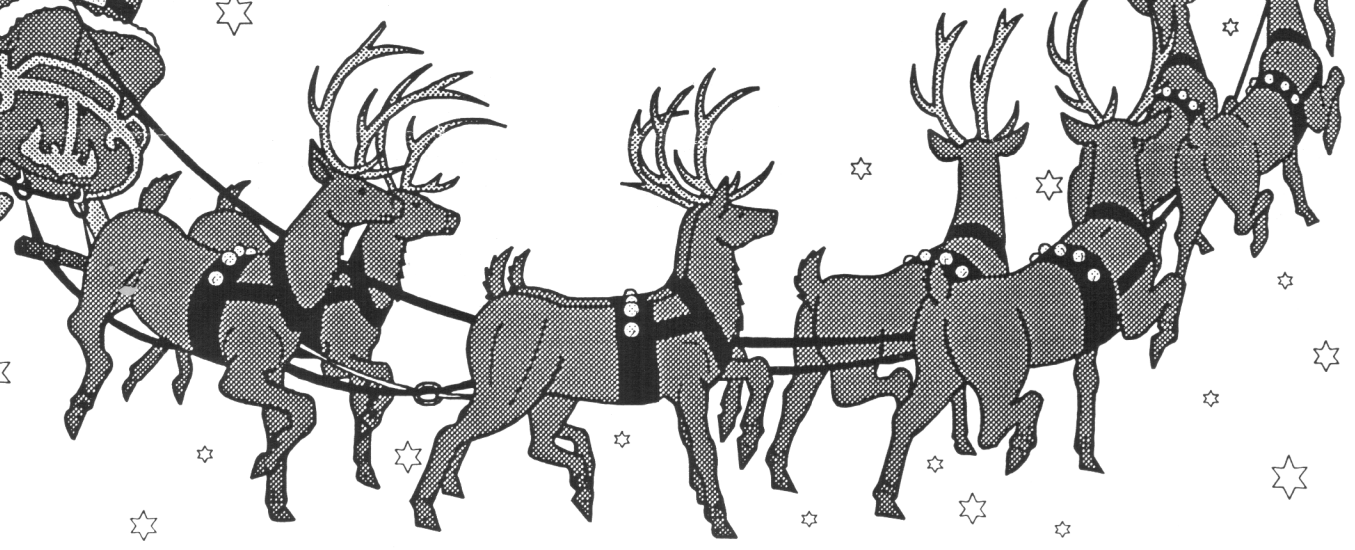
P.S. I wonder if Santa Claus is a barbershopper? I'm going to call him and ask him to come to our next meeting as my guest!

The Best of the Season

John + Eud Bough
Ches + DOWNA Campbell
Eric + Eilan McEwan
Roswell + Marilyn McPherson
Craig + Patte
Pat + Arnold Dixon
Ted + Jigga
Bill + Audrey + Blake Hughes
Carol Stanley
Norman + Gladie
Bison + Judy McFarquhar + Doy.
Bob + Beryl
Joan + FRANK
KNOLL
Bob + Eileen
Hewell
Bill + Fran
Gallbraith
Jim + Sylvia
McDougal



From the members and families of the
Vocal Federation



Deadline for the next edition of the Federation Fanfare:

January 29, 1997

Thoughts from Bob Howlett

I have been a Barbershopper for ten years and I am having more fun than I have had in years. Some would say it is 'new chapter start up enthusiasm'. It is true that new beginnings, like spring, often bring a fresh and thrilling feeling. I think much of what has happened was due to good planning. But I also believe that it has been a team effort with a few individuals leading the way. A casual atmosphere and a push and a smile by two talented directors helps to combine fun and some pretty good singing. The comraderie between John and Brian is just great and it rubs off on all the members. Many thanks should be extended to the executive committee for keeping the chapter running on the right track.

Congratulations to *Les Campbell - 1996 Barbershopper of the Year* and *Roswell McPherson - 1996 Rookie of the Year*. Way to go guys! Personally, I am having a great time. Thanks to Jim McDougall for being and continuing to be the spark for the Strathroy Chapter.

<i>Chapter Birthdays</i>		January 20	Blake Hughes
December 24	Don Nisbet	January 25	Frank Lewis
December 30	Aaron Harwood	<i>Chapter Anniversaries</i>	
January 9	Eunice Fennell	December 24	Les & Donna Campbell
January 9	Marilyn McPherson	If I have missed yours - please let me know!	
January 19	Paula Nordstrom		

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**Coming
Events**

*Dec. 18.....Chapter Novice Competition No. 1
St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Strathroy*
Dec. 25.....No Chapter Meeting
Jan. 1.....No Chapter Meeting
*Jan. 10-12.....C. O. T. S.
Geneva Park, Orillia*
*Jan. 22.....Chapter Novice Competition No. 2
St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Strathroy*

*Future articles required: Glencoe and Appin
Performances - Christmas Party - C.O.T.S.*

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